



## "K" DIVISION CRIMINAL ANALYSIS SECTION

### OPEN SOURCE INTELLIGENCE REPORT PUBLIC ORDER EVENTS K Division – 2022/02/10 19:00 Update

#### COUTTS AND RELATED PUBLIC ORDER EVENTS K DIVISION

##### SUMMARY OF PUBLIC ORDER EVENTS IN K DIVISION

Updates appear in **GREEN**

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Partner agency information: **ORANGE**

#### BACKGROUND

K DCAS is engaged in focused open source collection on events related to the Coutts border matter occurring in RCMP jurisdiction in Alberta. The intent is to identify any events that may present officer or public safety concerns.

#### KEY FINDINGS

- There appears to be ongoing tension between the leadership of the protests at Coutts and Milk River.
- There are at least two events happening today in K Division affecting the following areas:
  - Coutts border crossing
  - Airdrie
- There are multiple events planned in K Division for the rest of the week affecting areas including:
  - Coutts border crossing
  - Leduc
  - Sherwood Park
  - Rimbey
  - Turner Valley
  - Fort McMurray
- Unconfirmed information of a possible protest blockade on the highway from Alberta into the NWT. No indication on social media identified. The blockade would be on the Highway 35/Highway 1 corridor.
- Organizers in Ottawa have now switched to Bitcoin to raise funds. This will facilitate global donations and Bitcoin apparently cannot be frozen in Canada. Organizers stated they have a 'legal

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war chest' which will be used towards offensive and defensive tactics. References were made about becoming aggressive.

- A protester in Ottawa stated that people who have arrived in the last few days are mostly right wing extremists who have knives and other weapons. These newer protesters have been making comments that if police approach they will slash their vehicles and fuck them up, fuck up the government".

### **Coutts Border Protest and Convoys to Coutts**

#### **Calgary Convoy to Coutts**

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| <b>Date:</b> 2022/02/11 and 2022/02/12                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Meeting location:</b><br>Nisku – Nisku Truck Stop (8020 Sparrow Drive) – 14:00<br>Wetaskiwin – Peavey Mart – 14:45<br>Penhold – Petro Canada – 16:15<br>Olds – Co-op Cardlock – 16:50<br>Calgary - ifly on Deerfoot – 18:00<br>Heading to Milk River and Coutts |
| <b>Detachment(s) affected:</b> All detachments between Leduc and Coutts                                                                                                                                                                                            |

**Personal Info.** who has been previously involved with organizing convoys to the Edmonton legislature, appears to be the organizer. **Pers.** also states she will be accepting donations to take with them. **Pers.** posted on 2022/02/10 with the times for Nisku, Wetaskiwin, Penhold, and Olds. **Pers.** stated that this convoy is occurring on 2022/02/11 AND 2022/02/12. In a comment on the post, **Personal Info.** said that they will not post the route online as they do not want police to know which direction they are coming from.

Post on Calgary Freedom Central telegram channel indicates truckers are committed to remaining at Coutts. Calling on members of the public to travel and join blockade. Route to circumvent RCMP check point is as follows: Highway 501 to Range Road 151 to Highway 500. Public are to park vehicles and then walk to the Coutts convoy.

#### **Horseback Riders for Freedom**

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| <b>Date:</b> 2022/02/12                         | <b>Time:</b> Unknown |
| <b>Meeting location:</b> Coutts border crossing |                      |
| <b>Detachment(s) affected:</b> Milk River       |                      |





**Personal Info.** who has been organizing protests and “slow roll” convoys in and around Eastern Alberta District for the past few weeks, is currently sharing a request for 1000 “freedom riders” to attend Coutts on 2022/02/12. **The Facebook group associated to this event is now private.** The organizers are asking for people to sign up via a Google form. **No OSINT update.**

#### Ponoka Convoy to Coutts

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| <b>Date:</b> 2022/02/12                                                  | <b>Time:</b> Unknown |
| <b>Meeting location:</b> Unknown specifics – somewhere in Ponoka         |                      |
| <b>Detachment(s) affected:</b> All detachments between Ponoka and Coutts |                      |

Unknown if this is occurring as the leader, **Personal Info.** posted about a convoy from Ponoka to the Alberta Legislature on 2022/02/12. **No OSINT update.**

Cpl. DILLON from Ponoka detachment sent an email to DEOC stating there may be a convoy heading down to Coutts from Ponoka on 2022/02/12. The details of the convoy are not confirmed as **Person**. **Person**, the current leader of Ponoka convoys, is going back to work on Saturday and it is unknown who would be in charge if a convoy went to Coutts.

#### General information:

**Personal Info.** posted on his Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/Personal Info./>) that he is headed to Coutts on Saturday with at least 1000L of diesel and 1000L of water. **Personal** is known for planning and attending protests regarding Covid restrictions. **Personal** has become agitated and aggressive when dealing with law enforcement in the past and he is known to film and/or live stream interactions with police. **Personal** is taking monetary donations via e-transfers at **Personal Info.** @yahoo.com and via crypto currency. At this time, it is not known if he is going to organize or join a convoy or if he is driving alone.

#### Convoys to Alberta Legislature

##### Calgary/Aldersyde convoy

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| <b>Date:</b> 2022/02/12                                                     | <b>Time:</b> meeting at 09:00, leaving at 10:15 |
| <b>Meeting location:</b> PetroCanada                                        |                                                 |
| <b>Detachment(s) affected:</b> Detachments north of Calgary along Highway 2 |                                                 |



**Personal** posted in Facebook group "Barrhead Freedom Convoy 2022" about a convoy from Calgary/Aldersyde to the Alberta Legislature on 2022/02/12. This event was posted with the convoys from Nisku and Acheson. **No OSINT update.**

#### Leduc – Let Freedom Roll convoy

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| <b>Date:</b> 2022/02/11              | <b>Time:</b> 10:30 |
| <b>Meeting location:</b> Flying J    |                    |
| <b>Detachment(s) affected:</b> Leduc |                    |

**Personal Info.** posted in the Edmonton Freedom Central Facebook group about three convoys in RCMP jurisdiction heading to the Alberta Legislature on 2022/02/11. The poster promotes the events in Nisku, Sherwood Park, and Acheson. The post to visit Alberta 4 Liberty Facebook page for more information. **No OSINT update.**

#### Ponoka convoy

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| <b>Date:</b> 2022/02/12                                                                               | <b>Time:</b> meeting at 09:00, leaving at 10:00 |
| <b>Meeting location:</b> Co-op                                                                        |                                                 |
| <b>Detachment(s) affected:</b> Ponoka and all detachments between Ponoka and Edmonton along Highway 2 |                                                 |

**Personal Info.** posted in Facebook group "Alberta Freedom Convoy 2022CA" about a convoy from Ponoka to the Alberta Legislature on 2022/02/12. **Personal** will not be attending; **Personal Info.** and **Personal** are the points of contact. **Personal Info.** posted this event again with the convoys from Wetaskiwin, Nisku, Acheson, and Sherwood Park. **No OSINT update.**

#### Sherwood Park and Acheson convoys

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| <b>Date:</b> 2022/02/11                                               | <b>Time:</b> 11:00 |
| <b>Meeting location:</b> Flying J (Sherwood Park) and Husky (Acheson) |                    |
| <b>Detachment(s) affected:</b> Strathcona and Parkland                |                    |

**Personal Info.** posted a Facebook event for a convoy from Acheson and Sherwood Park in Facebook group "Freedom Convoy Alberta Updates". The event currently has 43 people "Going" and 69 people "Interested". **No OSINT update.**





### Wetaskiwin convoy

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| <b>Date:</b> 2022/02/12                                                               | <b>Time:</b> meeting at 09:00, leaving at 10:15 |
| <b>Meeting location:</b> Peavey Mart                                                  |                                                 |
| <b>Detachment(s) affected:</b> Wetaskiwin and all detachments between along Highway 2 |                                                 |

**Personal Info.** posted in Facebook group "Alberta Freedom Convoy 2022CA" about a convoy from Wetaskiwin to the Alberta Legislature on 2022/02/12. This event was posted with the convoys from Ponoka, Nisku, Acheson, and Sherwood Park. **No OSINT update.**

### Other Protests/Events

#### Airport Protests – Canada Wide

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| <b>Date:</b> 2022/02/11                                | <b>Time:</b> 12:00 |
| <b>Meeting location:</b> Edmonton and Calgary Airports |                    |
| <b>Detachment(s) affected:</b> Leduc                   |                    |

Twitter account @worldisnotawake posted about Canada-wide airport protests occurring on 2022/02/11. The affected airports are: Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary, Edmonton, and Vancouver.

A protest is expected at EIA on 2022/02/11 at 12:00; unknown number of attendees. Freedom Convoy is expected to drive around EIA to disrupt operations by slowing traffic. EIA RCMP are responsible for security inside airport. Leduc GIS surveillance and follow up investigations. Integrated traffic engaged. EIA has sought and obtained injunction letter to provide to protestors if necessary. Potential for major effects on critical infrastructure. Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary, and Vancouver airports also possible targets.

#### Airdrie – Balzac and Cross Iron Mills blockade

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| <b>Date:</b> 2022/02/10                   | <b>Time:</b> 18:00 |
| <b>Meeting location:</b> Highway 2 at 566 |                    |
| <b>Detachment(s) affected:</b> Airdrie    |                    |

@**Personal** on Twitter tweeted a poster about a blockade planned for 2022/02/10 at 18:00 northbound on Highway 2 near Cross Iron Mills. The plan is to block one northbound lane. It is not believed that **Personal** is the organizer of this event; it appears this account is just sharing the information. **No OSINT update.**



### All Points Convoy

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| <b>Date:</b> 2022/02/12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Time:</b> 11:00 |
| <b>Meeting locations:</b><br>Boyle – Co-op Grocery<br>Plamondon – Co-op Grocery, LLB, UFA<br>Cold Lake – Tri city mall<br>Lloydminster – Huski<br>Vermilion – Tim Hortons<br>Elk River – Petro-Canada<br>Waskatenau – Truck Stop<br>Smoky Lake<br>Vilna |                    |
| <b>Detachment(s) affected:</b> Boyle, Smoky Lake, Cold Lake, Lloydminster, Vermilion, St. Paul, Lac La Biche                                                                                                                                            |                    |

**Personal Info.** [REDACTED] posted in Facebook group “Alberta Convoy North” about a slow roll in Bonnyville and the All points convoy. The All Points convoy is meeting in the above locations and travelling to Bonnyville. **No OSINT update.**

### Bonnyville Slow Roll

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| <b>Date:</b> 2022/02/12                                 | <b>Time:</b> 11:00 |
| <b>Meeting locations:</b> Co-op Cardlock on Railway Ave |                    |
| <b>Detachment(s) affected:</b> Bonnyville               |                    |

**Personal Info.** [REDACTED] posted in Facebook group “Alberta Convoy North” about a slow roll in Bonnyville and the All points convoy. **No OSINT update.**

### Cochrane School Rally

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| <b>Date:</b> 2022/02/11                          | <b>Time:</b> 12:00 |
| <b>Meeting location:</b> All schools in Cochrane |                    |
| <b>Detachment(s) affected:</b> Cochrane          |                    |

Alberta Blue Skies Facebook page posted a screenshot promoting rallies at all schools in Cochrane. The post is asking parents to pull their students out of school to attend. This event is planned for 2022/02/11 and following Fridays. The post says to stay on public sidewalks, and to bring signs and flags. **No OSINT update.**



### Cremona Slow Roll to Sundre

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| <b>Date:</b> 2022/02/12               | <b>Time:</b> mid-morning |
| <b>Meeting location:</b> Cremona      |                          |
| <b>Detachment(s) affected:</b> Sundre |                          |

A slow roll convoy is planned for 2022/02/12. The organizers advised they plan to leave Cremona mid-morning, slow roll to Sundre, and back. The convoy agreed to pull over frequently to let motorists pass. Organizers are expecting a large crane to lead the convoy with other heavy machinery and passenger vehicles following. It is estimated approx. 200 vehicles will be present.

### Fort McMurray – Freedom Convoy 2022

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| <b>Date:</b> 2022/02/12                                           | <b>Time:</b> 11:00-14:00 |
| <b>Meeting location:</b> Waterways Staging area (to be confirmed) |                          |
| <b>Detachment(s) affected:</b> Wood Buffalo                       |                          |

**Personal Info.** posted in Facebook group “Freedom Convoy 2022 Fort McMurray” announcing a convoy on 2022/02/12 in Fort McMurray. The organizers appear to be **Personal Info.** and **Personal Info.** appears to be the leader of the convoy. The route planned is posted in two maps. Currently, 127 people have responded to the Facebook event. **No OSINT update.**

### Fort McMurray – Convoy to Ottawa

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| <b>Date:</b> 2022/02/15                     | <b>Time:</b> 07:00 – 21:00 |
| <b>Meeting location:</b>                    |                            |
| <b>Detachment(s) affected:</b> Wood Buffalo |                            |

A Facebook event has been created in Facebook group “Freedom Convoy 2022 Fort McMurray” for a convoy from Fort McMurray to Ottawa from 2022/02/15 to 2022/02/18. The organizers appear to be **Personal Info.** and **Personal Info.** The route is tentatively Fort McMurray, Edmonton, Lloydminster, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Kenora, Thunder Bay, Sault Sainte Marie, Sudbury, and Ottawa. Currently, 25 people have responded to the Facebook event. **No OSINT update.**

### The Netherlands Reform Church

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| <b>Date:</b> 2022/02/10            | <b>Time:</b> N/A |
| <b>Meeting location:</b> N/A       |                  |
| <b>Detachment(s) affected:</b> SAD |                  |





The Netherlands Reform Church (NRC) is suspected as being involved in funding the blockade in Coutts, AB. The NRC is a conservative Calvinist Christian church with ties to congregations in the United States and the Netherlands. They are linked to the Reformed Congregation of North America (RCNA) which is an affiliation of Dutch Reform/Calvinist churches. The NRC has 10 member churches in Canada spread across BC (1); AB (4); MB (1); and ON (4).

The closest congregations in proximity to the Coutts, AB border blockade are located in Lethbridge and Picture Butte, AB. There are also congregations in Calgary and Fort Macleod. Both the Lethbridge congregation and the Picture Butte church are led by Pastor Rev. EC Adams and Moderator Rev HD den Hollander.

NRC Lethbridge and Picture Butte's fundraising is primarily focused on their church congregations, their international mission to spread to gospel, and the NRC Calvinist School, a K-12 school located near Lethbridge, AB. The leadership has little to no online presence.

#### NWT/AB blockade

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Date:</b> Unknown                                                                   | <b>Time:</b> Unknown |
| <b>Meeting location:</b> Unknown                                                       |                      |
| <b>Detachment(s) affected:</b> All detachments along the Highway 35/Highway 1 corridor |                      |

Unconfirmed information overheard from trucker radio broadcasts about a possible blockade being organized on the highway from Alberta into the NWT. Information was received by the GOA from NWT government source via Emergency Management channels.

#### Red Deer – Energy Workers Support Freedom Convoy

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| <b>Date:</b> 2022/02/12                                                              | <b>Time:</b> 09:30 |
| <b>Meeting location:</b> Colden West Plaza                                           |                    |
| <b>Detachment(s) affected:</b> Red Deer and all detachments on Highway 2 to Edmonton |                    |

On 2022/02/03, **Personal Info.** created a Facebook group "Energy Workers Support Freedom Convoy". The group had an event on 2022/02/06. An image from the event shows 12 people. Currently the Facebook group has 198 members and 14 people have responded as "Going" or "Interested" for the event on 2022/02/12. **No OSINT update.**





### Rimbey – “Ride for Freedom Round 2”

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| <b>Date:</b> 2022/02/12                      | <b>Time:</b> 12:30 |
| <b>Meeting location:</b> Rimbey Agrim Centre |                    |
| <b>Detachment(s) affected:</b> Rimbey        |                    |

A protest on horseback in support of the convoys is being planned for 2022/02/12. Vehicles are welcome to follow the horses. **No OSINT update.**

### Turner Valley – Freedom Ride (Horseback)

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| <b>Date:</b> 2022/02/12                                                              | <b>Time:</b> 12:30 |
| <b>Meeting location:</b> Turner Valley Hotel to Hard Knocks Brewery in Black Diamond |                    |
| <b>Detachment(s) affected:</b> Turner Valley                                         |                    |

The town of Black Diamond was advised of an event being promoted in Facebook group “Diamond Valley Communities Forum” (private group) which is planned to occur on 2022/02/12. **Person** **Personal** is the organizer and he expressed his wishes to not block traffic and he does not want youth participating due to safety concerns. At this time the number of participants is not known.

## LIMITATIONS

This information was gathered primarily from open source where accessible. Private groups and profiles were not viewed nor were encrypted communications.

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